

1st Gas Turbine Unit : March, 1999  
 2nd Gas Turbine Unit : May, 1999  
 Steam Turbine Unit : March, 2000.

Detailed guidelines were issued to the concerned States including Government of Kerala for recommending projects for naptha/liquid fuel linkage within the capacity (in MW) allocated to respective States. The capacity allocated to Kerala is 660 MW. The recommendations in respect of Kerala has not been received.

**Funds for Implementation of Accelerated Water Supply Programme**

1869. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by the Union Government to the Government of Maharashtra during the past three years for providing drinking water in rural areas and for implementing accelerated water supply programme.

(b) the details of achievements made for implementation of these projects in separately during the above period;

(c) the details of funds sought for the current year and funds approved; and

(d) fresh proposals sent by the State Government and action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b).The information is given below :

Year	Funds released under ARWSP. (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Vill./Hab. Covered	Population benefitted (Rs.in lakh)
1993-94	5488.00	1373	15.640
1994-95	6182.00	6828	33.377
1995-96	7474.88	6273	34.096

(c) and (d) The State Government of Maharashtra had sought for Rs. 112.81 crore for the current year 1996-97 against which Rs. 88.10 crore has released. The State Government has delegated powers to prepare and implement Rural Water supply projects.

**Allocation for Drinking Water**

1870. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation sanctioned by the Central Government for drinking water during 1996-97 and the details regarding the release of amounts so far, state-wise;

(b) whether any demand has been made by the State of Gujarat to help the State to meet drinking water needs in view of drought; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Statement**

*Allocation & release under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during 1996-97*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Allocation	Releases
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6618.00	6572.18
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1200.00	1200.00
3.	Assam	2026.00	2353.57
4.	Bihar	7795.00	3113.00
5.	Goa	189.00	550.35
6.	Gujarat	4197.00	4039.50
7.	Haryana	2441.00	2550.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1331.00	1823.13
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3688.00	3705.00
10.	Karnataka	6087.00	6470.74
11.	Kerala	3095.00	3263.70
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7327.00	7313.61
13.	Maharashtra	8810.00	8810.00
14.	Manipur	440.00	478.56
15.	Meghalaya	472.00	572.00
16.	Mizoram	337.00	428.91
17.	Nagaland	422.00	211.00
18.	Orissa	3468.00	3993.83
19.	Punjab	1105.00	1289.00
20.	Rajasthan	10387.00	11587.00
21.	Sikkim	372.00	472.00
22.	Tamilnadu	5247.00	5333.00

1	2	3	4
23. Tripura		418.00	850.00
24. Uttar Pradesh		12278.00	11728.19
25. West Bengal		4740.00	3781.25
26. A&N Islands		25.00	0.00
27. D&N Haveli		15.00	3.00
28. Daman & Diu		10.00	0.00
29. Delhi		30.00	0.00
30. Lakshadweep		0.00	0.00
31. Pondicherry		20.00	10.00
Total		94590.00	92502.52

**Million Wells Scheme**

1871. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) the year of the inception of the Million Wells Scheme (MWS);
- (b) the States where the scheme have been launched; and
- (c) the number of irrigation wells provided to the farmers under the scheme so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA) : (a) to (c) The Million Wells Scheme (MWS) was lunched as a sub-scheme of National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Progarmme (RLEG) during 1988-89. It continued as a sub-scheme of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) which was launched on 1.4.1989. With effect from 1.1.1996, the MWS has been delinked from JRY and made an independent scheme and is being implemented in all the States. Since the inception of MWS, 10,65,274 open dug-wells have been constructed upto December, 1996.

**Shortage of Power**

1872. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "A mid-summer nightmare" appearing in the Pioneer dated January 8, 1997;
- (b) if so, the reasons for failure in evolving a workable formula to meet the power crisis, despite umpteen studies made by several committees for Rajadyaksha Committee to Power Committee between 1980 to 1993; and

- (c) the steps so far taken to put the State Electricity Boards as one even keel and to rejuvenate them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason behind performance of the State Electricity Boards not being upto expectation has, inter-alia, been unremunerative tariff fixation due to extraneous reasons, low utilisation of existing capacity, high T&D losses etc.

(c) The periodic monitoring of SEB performance has, resulted in increase in the PLF of State sector increasing from 51.3% in 1990-91 to 58.0% in 1995-96, and reductions in T&D losses from 22.89% in 1990-91 to 20.85% in 1994-95. Recently Government, with the consensus of the States, have drawn up a Common Minimum Action Plan for Power, which, inter-alia deals to create Independent Central and State Regulatory Commissions, provide autonomy to SEB's rationalise tariff structures, improve management practices of SEB's and further improve the physical parameters in a time bound manner.

[Translation]

**Supply of LPG**

1873. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of the private companies functioning at present in country for supplying LPG;
- (b) whether the Government have evaluated the performance of public LPG companies vis-a-vis private companies;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to maintain the monopoly of public sector companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) 96 parties have obtained rating for undertaking activities under the parallel marketing of LPG. However, as on 31.1.1997, only 17 private have imported LPG in bulk and two parties have imported package LPG.

(b) to (d) During February 1993, Government had permitted, under the parallel marketing scheme, private entrepreneurs to import and market LPG at market determined prices, under their own terms. Private parties are not required to obtain any licence from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for undertaking activities under the scheme. They are, however, required to obtain approvals/clearances under the relevant Acts and Rules regarding safety, pollution control etc., as applicable. The private parties are also now required to get themselves